

## What is the Eastern Washington County Transportation Study?

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) recognizes the importance of the transportation system in eastern Washington County and commissioned a study (the Eastern Washington County Transportation Study, or EWCTS) to formulate strategies for meeting the long-term needs of the public and for developing efficient transportation facilities in the area. The study focused on three transportation corridors: State Route (SR) 9 between Hurricane and Springdale, SR 17, and SR 59. The study included opportunities for public input as well as coordination with local governments. The result of the study is a list of recommendations for improvements through 2035.

## What is UDOT'S Strategic Direction?

UDOT is driven in all it does by a set of strategic goals and focus areas. Known as the "Final Four," UDOT's strategic goals provide guidance in the Department's efforts to improve the quality of life and economic vitality of the state. These goals direct UDOT to:

1. Take Care of What We Have
2. Make the System Work Better
3. Improve Safety
4. Increase Capacity

## Where Can I Find More Information?

Project information, including the study report, detailed maps, project list, and frequently asked questions, is available on the project website.

[www.udot.utah.gov/EWCTS](http://www.udot.utah.gov/EWCTS)



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## What Types of Improvement Projects Are Proposed?

The implementation of projects and coordination efforts depend on funding, the priority in relation to other needs across the region, and the planning objectives of other agencies and local governments. Below is a list of high ranked needs for each of the corridors documented in the EWCTS Report.

### SR 9

- Add turn lane storage and signs at the intersection of SR 9 and Kolob Reservoir Road (MP 18.7) to address intersection safety and sight distance issues.
- Install two-way left-turn lanes in LaVerkin (MP 12.4–13.0), on the “top side” (MP 17.3–18.0), and through Rockville and Springdale.
- Add a second traffic lane to improve the intersection of SR 9 and SR 17 in LaVerkin.
- Add turn lanes to the LaVerkin overlook (MP 14.9) for the “T” intersection at MP 16.1 east of Virgin (about MP 21) and west of Rockville (about MP 25.8).

### SR 17

- Add two-way left-turn lanes at the north end of LaVerkin Creek Bridge between LaVerkin and Toquerville (MP 1.5–2.0) and through Toquerville.
- Improve curve safety by adding left-turn storage for southbound traffic at MP 1.2.
- Construct passing lanes north of Toquerville (MP 4.3–4.9).

### SR 59

- Develop a solution for addressing circulation, congestion, and safety issues associated with the intersection of SR 59 and SR 9 in Hurricane.
- Construct right- and left-turn lanes in Apple Valley (MP 8.1, MP 11.9, MP 14.6) and in Hurricane (MP 21.2, MP 22).
- Construct two-way left-turn lanes just north of Hildale (MP 0.64–0.27), between Hildale and Apple Valley (MP 4.5–5.4), and in the northern part of Apple Valley (MP 9.8–10.1, MP 10.5–10.7).

## What are UDOT’s Vision and Goals for the Corridor?

In addition to the strategic goals, UDOT has also identified a vision for the EWCTS area: to provide a safe travel route for local, regional, and through traffic to meet personal and commercial needs.

The goals for the study area are:

- 1 Transportation facilities should be reasonably safe for users.
- 2 Operational and capacity improvements should minimize delay and improve safe and efficient movement of traffic.

- 3 Incorporate roadway improvements to balance regional traffic flow and reasonable access to land development.
- 4 Corridor design should minimize impacts and enhance benefits to the natural and human environments where possible.

The map below summarizes some of the proposed projects. More-detailed maps and the project list are available on the EWCTS project website.

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